Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The citizens of Arlington, Aurora, Badger, Beresford, Big Stone City, Brookings, Bryant, Burke, Colman, Elk Point, Estelline, Faith, Flandreau, Fort Pierre, Groton, Hecla, Howard, Langford, Madison, McLaughlin, Miller, Onida, Parker, Pickstown, Pierre, Plankinton, Sioux Falls, Tyndall, Vermillion, Volga, Watertown, Wessington Springs, White, and Winner have elected to operate community-owned, locally controlled, not-for-profit electric utilities; and,

Whereas, These 34 municipal utilities, while serving more than 100,000 South Dakotans, provide nearly one-in-seven South Dakota homes, and numerous businesses, industries, schools, health care facilities and local governments with reliable, efficient, and cost-effective electricity through sound business practices designed to ensure the best possible service at cost-based rates; and,

Whereas, These 34 municipal utilities are valuable community assets that contribute substantially to the well-being of local citizens through their proactive approach to energy efficiency, customer service, environmental protection, economic development, and safety awareness; and,

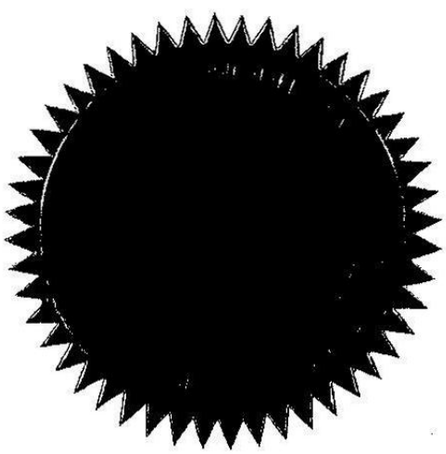
Whereas, These 34 municipal utilities contribute substantial revenue to the general fund of their community in lieu of taxes and often in excess of the contribution that would be due under the regular tax rate; and,

Whereas, The week of October 5-11, 2003, will give recognition to these 34 municipal electric utilities of South Dakota for their contributions to the communities in which each operates and to make their consumer-owners, policymakers, and employees more aware of the overall contributions of public power to their well-being:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 5-11, 2003, as

PUBLIC POWER WEEK

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State